

Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF) 2020

SUMMARY

The U.S. Embassy in Kyiv announces the 2020 Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF) - a global competition supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the Department of State.

Opening Date: January 17, 2020

Closing Date: February 28, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. GMT+2

PROGRAM THEMES

- Support women's political, economic, and civic participation
- Strengthen the role of women in peace, security, and governance
- Promote protection of women and girls from violence, abuse, and exploitation; or
- Engage women as partners in preventing terrorism and countering radicalization and recruitment

FUNDING

Subject to availability of funds, the AEIF 2020 will award grants to teams of at least two alumni of U.S. government-sponsored international exchange programs with funding from US \$5,000 up to US \$25,000 to support public service projects.

Alumni may apply for individual grants or on behalf of an NGO.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ORGANIZATIONS

All organizations applying to receive Federal assistance must have a Dun & Bradstreet Number (DUNS), a CCR (NCAGE) number, and an active account with the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) before an award can be made.

See <https://ua.usembassy.gov/education-culture/current-programs-grants/> for more information regarding the process to obtain required registrations.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be alumni of U.S. government-funded or sponsored exchange programs, and form teams of at least two (2) alumni.
- Alumni who are U.S. citizens may not submit proposals, but U.S. citizen alumni may participate as team members in a project.
- Alumni teams may be comprised of alumni from different exchange programs and different countries.
- Proposals must address women in peace, security, and governance. Proposals that do not address the theme as outlined in the program objectives will be deemed ineligible.

ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES AND COSTS

All project activities and initiatives must take place outside of the United States. AEIF 2020 can support the following costs and activities:

- Intra-regional or in-country transportation
- Rental of venues for project activities
- Trainer or speaker expenses
- Reasonable equipment and materials
- Meals or refreshments integral to the project goals (i.e. working lunch during a meeting)
- Communications and publicity materials, such as manuals or project advertisements

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND UNALLOWABLE COSTS

AEIF 2020 does not support the following activities or costs, and the selection committee will deem applications involving any of these activities or costs ineligible:

- Airfare to or from the United States and its territories
- Activities that take place in the United States and its territories
- Sustained staff salaries, office space, and overhead/operational expenses
- Large items of durable equipment or construction programs
- Alcohol, excessive meals, refreshments, or entertainment
- Academic or scientific research
- Charitable or development activities or the provision of direct social services to a population
- Support or opposition of partisan political activity or lobbying for specific legislation or programs
- Programs that support specific religious activities
- Fund-raising campaigns
- Programs intended primarily for the growth or institutional development of the organization
- Venture capital, for-profit endeavors, or charging a fee for participation in the project
- Individual scholarships
- Personal development
- Social travel/visits
- Gifts or prizes
- Programs that duplicate existing programs

APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Period of Performance: This program supports projects up to 12 months in duration. Proposed projects should have a proposed start date no earlier than July 15, 2020.

Application Submission Process: Application materials - application form in Word and budget form in EXCEL format must be submitted by email to ***KyivaeiF@state.gov***
The subject line of submission emails should follow this format: **AEIF 2020: Project Title, Name of Individual or Organization.**

Application Deadline: All applications must be submitted by email on or before **February 28, 2020**, at 11:59 p.m. GMT+2. Applications submitted after that time will be ineligible for consideration. There will be no exceptions to this application deadline.

Application Content and Format: Applicants must follow the instructions and conditions contained herein and supply all information required.

Applicants must set forth full, accurate, and complete information. Providing false or misleading information in an application will result in disqualification from this and future AEIF competitions.

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, please email KyivaeiF@state.gov